

according to the Secretary of Defense in his 1993 report to the President and Congress.

In addition, ample alternatives to peacetime draft registration are already in place. The Selective Service System maintains an on-the-shelf system which would provide for a post-mobilization registration of up to 3.5 million health care personnel in more than 60 specialties. The Pentagon reports that mass registration would occur in 13 days after notice to mobilize, with induction orders to follow 3 weeks later. Likewise, we have stockpiled our Armed Forces, so that over 1 million trained Selected Reserve units and another 750,000 individual Ready Reserve personnel exist to augment Active Forces during the early days of a major conflict. Clearly, Mr. Speaker, we've no shortfall of resources.

More importantly, the draft registration fails to provide legal relief measures to conscientious objectors who cannot register, thus violating our freedom of religion. For 17 years now, youth have been required to register for a military draft that does not exist. The penalties for nonregistration, such as the denial of admission to colleges and universities and disqualification for student loans and grants, are an unjustifiable limitation on the civil rights of our youth.

If that's not enough to convince my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, they should consider the bottom line. Peacetime draft registration has cost taxpayers over \$400 million since its reinstitution in 1980. According to present budget estimates, Selective Service registration will cost an additional \$75 million by the year 2000. As we rest on the laurels of what many consider to be a successful budget deal, let's remember the children and legal immigrants we've deserted to allow the Selective Service System to continue.

Finally, the real impetus for terminating draft registration comes from the Selective Service System itself. A scathing evaluation was recently released by the U.S. Army Force Integration and Support Agency [USAFISA] documenting severe problems of waste and mismanagement within the Selective Service System. The problems discovered—a grossly overpaid staff and duplication of services—revealed the Selective Service System to be a bloated, inept Federal bureaucracy.

Current registrants and volunteers are abundant and stand ready to defend our country should the need arise. The time has come to do away with our outdated and unnecessary system. Clearly, if there is no need for drafttees, there is no need for a Federal agency to conscript them—and certainly not one that costs over \$23 million a year.

IN HONOR OF CARL ZACK

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY II

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Carl Zack, to honor his 24-year commitment and dedication to the health of the Somerville, MA, community through his leadership at Somerville Hospital.

Since receiving his education from Brandeis University and the Yale School of Public Health, Carl returned to his native Massachu-

setts to establish a career in hospital administration. He has served with great distinction and a longevity of commitment rarely matched. From his beginning as a Yale graduate student intern on February 5, 1973, he rose to become vice president, executive vice president, and then president of Somerville Hospital in November 1994.

Under Carl's leadership, Somerville Hospital took important strides to provide comprehensive health care services that were responsive to the community's needs. Among these accomplishments are the establishment of a home care department, a transitional care unit, and an occupational health program. Together with its sister hospital network, the Cambridge Hospital, the Somerville Hospital has promoted an innovative community initiative called the Somerville Community Health Partnership—to improve the health of the joint Somerville and Cambridge communities.

Carl has also served as an inspirational and valued leader to the employees of Somerville Hospital. Amid the current dynamic health care environment, Carl Zack achieved goals set out to assure the preservation of essential health care services in the city of Somerville while maintaining employment opportunities within the hospital network.

His work has been recognized by many organizations, including being selected as Humanitarian of the Year by the Visiting Nurses Association of Eastern Massachusetts, and an honoree of the HomeFirst Charitable Corp. of Somerville. He has been an active force with many community organizations, such as his longstanding tenure on the board of trustees of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce. He has also demonstrated his commitment to future generations of health care professionals on the faculties of the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine, the University of New Hampshire, and Northeastern University.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all of my colleagues will join me in celebrating Carl Zack's tremendous contributions. Again, I congratulate Carl Zack, along with his family—his wife, Andrea Cohen, and daughters, Emma and Hannah—for his hard work and as an outstanding leader.

TRIBUTE TO DICK PICKENS

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a final tribute to a close friend and fellow east Texas, R.W. "Dick" Pickens of my hometown of Rockwall, TX, who died earlier this year at the age of 84. Dick Pickens was an extraordinary man who leaves behind a legacy of professional and personal accomplishment, and he will be greatly missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

Born May 28, 1912, in Frankfort, OH, Dick lived in my hometown of Rockwall for the better part of his life. After earning a degree in mechanical engineering in 1935 from Ohio State University, he went to work for the Alcoa Aluminum Co. as staff engineer. He later worked for Reynolds Metals Co. and then organized the Texas Aluminum Co. in 1942, over which he presided for more than 20 years. Because of him, Texas Aluminum won

the prestigious Lockheed Zero Defects Award—a tribute to the standard of excellence he set. At one time he had an interests in facilities that stretched from Rockwall to Commerce, CA, to Puerto Rico and Australia. After a 60-year distinguished career, Dick retired from the Aluminum industry that he had served so well.

Dick's professional accomplishments, however, are just part of who he was. Dick cared about everyone he met and knew. He was devoted to his community and gave his support wherever it was needed. He was particularly interested in helping young people and at one time, he was sponsoring as many as 12 students in college.

Dick is survived by his wife, Louise Pickens of Rockwall; daughter and son-in-law, Patti and David Canup of Rockwall; daughter and son-in-law, Francie and Ross Oliver of Austin, TX; daughter Mayre Springer of Phoenix, AR; and step-son Mike Barringer of Rockwall; numerous grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, Dick Pickens was a true giant among us. He will be remembered by his family and many friends for his kindness and generosity—and he will be greatly missed. As we adjourn today, it is a privilege for me to honor this great man who also was my close friend.

IN HONOR OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE SICK

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving in this legislative body is the opportunity we occasionally get to acknowledge publicly the outstanding entities of our communities.

It is not easy to find someone who does something for nothing these days. No person is willing to give something away if it won't benefit him directly. That is why the gift of blood is so commendable: it is literally a selfless donation of one's own life source to save someone else's life.

Today I applaud the achievements of the Guardians of the Sick Blood Drive. This Brooklyn-based blood donor organization, the largest in New York State, has achieved record numbers of blood donations through its tireless public outreach, under the outstanding leadership of its chairman, Rabbi Gershon Tannenbaum. In an effort to encourage the members of the Orthodox community to donate blood, Guardians has championed the act as a mitzvah, a moral obligation to contribute to the life-saving efforts of the larger community. The Orthodox Jewish community's prolific service to the general public is unmatched in its monumental pace: last year alone the Guardians collected thousands of pints of blood, at scores of locations throughout Brooklyn. Each of those thousands of times, an Orthodox Jew performed the mitzvah of donating blood to save another human being's life.

The Guardians of the Sick has an honored tradition of community service, alleviating the discomfort of the sick and hospitalized members of the community for many years. Now it has another credit to its exemplary record: it has extended the boundaries of its benevolence to benefit every citizen of the State of

New York and beyond. The immediate success of the blood drive attests to the great need it serves: bolstering the available blood bank for all emergency situations of life and death.

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani selected the Guardians of the Sick for the New York City Community Development Agency's 1996 Most Outstanding community-based organization award. Today I select the Guardians' Blood Drive and its chairman, Rabbi Gershon Tannenbaum, for special recognition in light of their remarkable achievements in serving humanity. Also I would like to commend Mr. Louis Glueck for his aggressive leadership, Rabbi Shmuel Steinharter, executive director for his masterly administration, and Mrs. Esther Schoenblum, its blood drive coordinator for her dynamic zeal in making it all come together.

I hereby proclaim my incessant support and encouragement for the heroic goals of the Guardians of the Sick Blood Drive.

A TRIBUTE TO C. WILLIAM JONES

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor C. William Jones of Firebaugh, CA, who served a distinguished 20 years with the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

Mr. Jones is a well-known farming leader in the San Joaquin Valley, which is the richest agricultural-production region in the country. Twenty years ago, Mr. Jones founded the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Users Association and in 1992, he oversaw the transformation of the association to the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority. The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is comprised of 32 water agencies representing approximately 2,100,000 acres of Federal and exchange water service contractors within the western San Joaquin Valley, San Benito, and Santa Clara Counties.

During his tenure as chairman of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Mr. Jones ran the operations and maintenance activities of all Federal Central Valley project facilities south of the Delta, including: Tracy pumping plant, Delta-Mendota Canal, O'Neill pumping plant and the San Luis drain. He also provided leadership for the agricultural community's participation in Delta issues resulting in the Bay-Delta accord, Proposition 204, and the CALFED process.

Mr. Jones' involvement in water and agricultural issues has extended far beyond his duties as chairman of the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority. He has also found time to be active in the California State Water Commission, the Western Cotton Growers Association, the California Chamber of Commerce, and the California Water Control Resource Board.

Mr. Jones is also a devoted family man. He and his wife, Cornelia, have three grown children, including California Secretary of State Bill Jones, who have blessed him with seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, please join me in wishing C. William Jones, devoted hus-

band, father, and grandfather and active community member, the best of luck during his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO KELLY S. YARDE

HON. JOHN N. HOSTETTLER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HOSTETTLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to commend Kelly S. Yarde, a charitable and compassionate soldier from the Eighth District of Indiana.

Sergeant Kelly Yarde is a dedicated soldier, a loving father, and a committed husband. And Kelly gives, and he gives abundantly, even in times of personal hardship. In short, Kelly is unusually charitable.

While serving under the command of the U.S. Army in Bosnia, Kelly witnessed firsthand an often overlooked result of war—clothless, toyless, penniless children—while at the same time living in less than luxurious conditions himself. Yet Kelly looked beyond his own needs and did something for the children of the war-torn land where he serves. With the help of his brother Anthony, an Evansville, IN, newspaper reporter, and a hometown radio station, Kelly made a public appeal to his fellow Americans to come to the children's aid.

Citizens from the Eighth District of Indiana and neighboring States answered his call, and they gave abundantly. From new basketballs and hundreds of new crayons and pens to the establishment of new friends via pen pal relationships, Americans gladly spent their time and treasure for kids they may never meet.

I'm sure Kelly would humbly wave off these praises, directing our attention to who he recognizes as the true heroes, the people who generously responded to his pleas. Yet it is fitting to commend Kelly Yarde, a catalyst for giving, an example of charity, and an exemplary U.S. soldier serving his Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I wish the RECORD to state that during rollcall vote 364, on H.R. 2159, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was on the floor of the House, I inserted my voting card into the electronic voting machine and voted for passage of the bill. For some reason my vote was not recorded and therefore I am listed as having not voted.

Please let the RECORD reflect that I was present for the vote, as evidenced by my votes on all of the preceding amendments, and I voted in favor of passage of H.R. 2159, the foreign operations appropriations bill.

A TRIBUTE TO JEROME TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF ALLEN COLE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the poet T.S. Eliot wrote that "water and fire shall rot the marred

foundations we forgot, of sanctuary and choir; this is the death of water and fire." For 50 years, the foundations and sanctuaries of Jerome Township were not forgotten, and because of one man's work, far fewer have suffered the death of water and fire.

Today we honor a man who has not only protected our sanctuaries, but our homes and hearths as well; who stood by the foundations of his community and in doing so, fortified its stones. Fire Chief Allen Cole built the Jerome Township Fire Department stone by stone, starting 50 years ago with little more than a converted fire truck Cole kept as his wrecker service he'd opened in 1935. With his wife, Lydia, acting as a dispatcher, citizens reporting a fire could call Cole's garage and know that help was on the way.

In an era when fire was a community's greatest enemy, and was ravaging America's towns and cities, Allen Cole stood watch over Jerome Township, protecting property and citizens from an enemy known for launching deadly, surprise attacks under cover of darkness.

Allen Cole was no stranger to the surprise attacks of fire. Once, while fighting a house fire in Homer Township, he fell through the roof of a burning home, only to slide down the hose—still battling the flames—and emerge through the front door unscathed. Allen Cole today enters retirement, but his commitment and heroism will remain.

He also bestows to the community a fire department that has grown and nourished generations of firefighters to carry on his legacy. For protecting the families of Jerome Township from the destructive power of fire for a half-century, we thank Chief Allen Cole for his service and dedication, and bestow upon him our highest esteem.

SALUTE TO ROCKWALL ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 1997

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation's young people return to school for the beginning of a new year, we are reminded of the importance of education in their lives and our responsibility not only to provide a quality education for them but also to encourage their efforts, build their self-esteem, and motivate them to aspire to a standard of excellence in all that they do.

This is a responsibility shared by all of us—by parents, teachers, school administrators, Government, and the community at large. Today it is my privilege to pay tribute to a community organization in my home town of Rockwall, TX, the Rockwall Academic Booster Club, that was recently formed with these goals in mind.

Beginning this year, the Academic Booster Club will present a letter jacket patch to those students who received straight A's for two consecutive semesters of the previous academic year. The first awards ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 9, when some 40 students from two middle schools will receive a jacket patch. The letter program is being underwritten by Rockwall Women's League and Rockwall Newcomers Club.